be bolted with by an Elephant is far from pleasing, though a rather exciting event. It makes for the nearest jangle at once, being, much more than the African species, an inhabitant of forest. And in rushing through the dense undergrowth, the occupiers of the Elephant's back are apt to be swept off or cut to pieces by innumerable thorns.

Elephants, no doubt of the Indian species, were used by the Persians in battle, and from fifteen which were captured at the battle of Arbela some notes were drawn up by Aristotle. In stating that the animal reaches an age of 200 years, the laturalist and philosopher was probably not very far out. The node of Elephant-catching as related by Aristotle is that pursued at the present day. Then, as now, tame Elephants were nade use of as decoys. Pliny/ who was apt to confound fact and iction in a somewhat inseparable tangle, had something to say ^bout Elephants, both Indian and African. Serpents, he thought, pere their chief enemies, which slew them, by coiling round them .nd thrusting their heads into the trunk, and so stopping respiration.

n Europe Elephants were first seen in the year B.C. 280. Pyrrhus sed them in his invasion, and copying his example the Koreans hemselves learnt to use Elephants. The first Elephant seen in England arrived in the year 125*7, presented by the King of 'ranee to Henry III. It was kept in the Tower (for long after- ʳards a menagerie), and died at twelve years of age. Much use f the Elephant has been made in symbols. We have spoken of le African Elephant on Carthaginian coins as an emblem of ;ernity. The Oriental Elephant resting on the back of a, tortoise id supporting the world is the same idea; and it is instructive > note that remains have been found in the Siwalik Hills of a >rtoise which would have been actually big enough to support te creature, even "Jumbo," who weighed 6|r tons. Another Tnbol is that of an Elephant upon whose back is a child with rows; this occurs on a medal of the Emperor Philip. It can ohaps hardly signify the eternity of a strong human

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The intelligence of the Elephant has been both exaggerated and inimised. Perhaps the most elaborate attempt to endow the ast with unusual mental perceptions is that of Aelian, who [ated that an Elephant carefully watching his keeper, wrote after tn with his trunk letters upon a board. That the animal does

[1] See *Natural History of the Anwents,* by Ker. M. G> Waikins, London,